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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit: 3731 }
Atty. Docket: 9134-0051 }
Applicant: Hans-Juergen Kuhr et al. }
Title: LANCET DISPENSER }
Serial No.: 09/389,428 }
Filed: September 3, 1999 }
Examiner: Ngo, L. }

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| on | January 29, 2003 |
| | <u>A. Vornheder</u> |
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| Dated: | January 29, 2003 |

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicants thank Examiner Ngo for the courtesies extended to Christine Orich during telephonic interviews of January 14, 2003 and January 27, 2003. In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 29, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment. A marked-up copy of the amended claims are included in the attached Appendix.

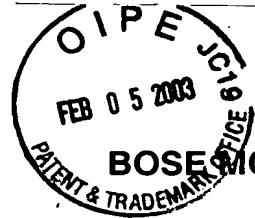
In The Claims

Please cancel claim 52 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | |
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| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c)) | 20 | 22 | 0 | \$18 | \$0 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)) | 2 | 8 | 0 | \$84 | \$0 |
| If applicant has small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here. | | | SMALL ENTITY TOTAL | NO | \$0 |
| TOTAL FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS | | | | | \$0 |

_____ An Extension of Time for _____ month(s) is hereby requested
under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). The required fee for filing this extension is: _____

_____ Information Disclosure Statement _____

TOTAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

_____ A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the total fee for this
Amendment is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 which may be required during the prosecution of this application, or credit of any overpayment, to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Christine M. Orich

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